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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

New York Association of Public Power

V.

Docket No. EL12-101-000

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Take notice that on September 11, 2012, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 and section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 USC 824(e) and § 825(e), New York Association of Public Power (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Niagara Mohawk Power (Respondent) alleging that, the Respondent's return on common equity (ROE) currently reflected in the New York Independent System Operator, Inc's (NYISO) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) rate is unjust and unreasonable. Complainant request that the Commission: (1) institute paper hearing procedures to investigate the ROE and establish a just and reasonable equity return to be reflected in rates for transmission service provided over facilities owned by the Respondent under the NYISO OATT; (2) establish the earliest possible refund effective date (*i.e.*, the date of this Complaint), consistent with Commission policy; and (3) direct the Respondent to make refunds reflecting the difference between transmission rates reflecting an 11.5 percent ROE and rates reflecting a just and reasonable ROE.

The Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the Respondent as listed in the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on October 1, 2012.

Dated: September 12, 2012

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary.

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